



REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
December 17, 2024
SUB Cherry-Silver/Zoom hybrid

Members Present: Angela Beauchamp, Jennifer Chamberlin Payne, Jennifer Chasteen, Sharina Desai, Deena Duran, Grace Faustino, Mark Fischer, Rene Forsythe, Jennifer Kavka, Chelsea Kies, Sierra Kowalski, Joseph Lane, Jhoniq Lentsch, Candace Lounsbury, Bryn McCabe-Kelly, Frankie McQuerry, Emilie McVay-Ash, Stephen Murillo, Ivan Olay, Gonzalo Olivas, Amie Ortiz, Madeline Pennington, Mary Phibbs, Kristina Rucker, Carla Sakiestewa, Yadéeh Sawyer, Jessica Serna, Damion Terrell, Sarah Treviso, Quinton Valencia, Winton Wood, Lisa Yuka.

Members Excused: Michael Baca, SarahBeth Caswell, Marvin Gouch, Regis Lacher, Michael McNeil, Andrea Quijada, Jason Quinn, John Shaski.

Members Absent: Marcus Anderson, Frankie Flores, Gilbert Gallegos, Angela Marie Graham, Loraine Koleski, Tayli Lam, Johnny McGinnis, Bonnie Minkus Holmes, Amanda Ortiz, Zachary Peterson, Natalie Rowe, Robinson Worley.

Also Present: Parliamentarian Adam Hathaway, Senator Leo Jaramillo, Representative Elenor Chavez, Government Relations Chair Mary Clark

- I. **Call to Order:** Speaker Ortiz called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Secretary Hawkins called roll of members and quorum was established.
- III. **Approve Agenda:** With unanimous consent, the agenda was approved.
- IV. **Land Acknowledgement:** The Land Acknowledgement was read by Councilor Phibbs.
- V. **Approve Minutes:** With unanimous consent, the minutes from November 19, 2024 were approved.
- VI. **Guest Speaker(s)**
 - a. *Getting to Know Staff Council with Senator Leo Jaramillo and Representative Eleanor Chavez.* President Olay shared presentation about what Staff Council is and does. Discussions with council, Jaramillo, Chavez, and UNM Government Relations Director, Mike Puelle, included housing and food insecurities and measures being taken; Senator Jaramillo asked to be included in faculty senate meetings if possible and offered to team-up on initiatives and Representative Chavez echoed similar thoughts; Advice from Senator Jaramillo and Representative Chavez included: giving advance notice on proposed legislation which needs support – planning for next legislative session starts in May and June. Senator Jaramillo also recommended having lobbyists meet with Cabinet secretary for specific concerns to champion. Mike Puelle recommended showing up for UNM Day with a one-pager including contact info to follow up; to get traction over time, details are important but questions like was last year’s compensations implemented (ask Kevin); and one pager about the Basic Needs Consortium.
 - b. *Elizabeth Quay Hutchison, Professor of History and DEI Faculty Leadership Fellow: WayFinder Presentation:* Dr. Hutchison introduced herself, mentioned the resolution we passed on academic freedom, and offered to be a resource of faculty and to reach out if we wanted support from faculty senate. She then presented the WayFinder website, shared some of studies which were done to help build the site, and design goals of the site. Wayfinder is available via PC browser and via mobile browsers. Dr. Hutchison shared a brief overview of how to use the site, stated how there is an emphasis on confidentiality throughout the site. Main purpose of the site is to provide a variety of things which are helpful instead of having to be sent from office to office.

- VII. **President's Report:** Olay kept it short sharing he was still meeting with leadership and following up on initiatives and resolutions. President Olay advised if there's anything needing to be shared with leadership to please reach out.
- VIII. **Tri-fold Presentation:** President Elect Terrell shared the Staff Council tri-fold and described what it's about, how it was designed, the purpose of the brochure, and added a bit more detail regarding legislative priorities and contact info based on feedback from Mike Puelle.
- IX. **New Business:**
- a. **Funding & Event Request:** Staff Appreciation January Breakfast Burrito Event. The request was shared on screen, and Councilor Sawyer moved on behalf of the Rewards & Recognition committee that the funding and event request be approved. Discussion was opened. Then, with unanimous consent, the motion was approved.
 - b. **Resolution: UNM Staff Mentorship Program:** Councilor Pennington shared the resolution on screen and moved on behalf of the Staff Success Committee that the Resolution be approved. Discussion was opened. Then, with unanimous consent, the motion was approved.
- X. **Year in Review:** President Ivan Olay shared that is has been an honor to work with the staff council, and very proud to be associated with council. Spoke on how much work is done by the committees and how extensive it is, and touched on Gerald May Award. Encouraged all staff councilors share what they do and mentioned the Staff Council Newsletter with the resources and information available.
- XI. **Star Award Presentations:** *President Ivan Olay shared the winners of the Staff Council Star Awards, and spoke briefly about the recipients: Amie Ortiz, Amy Hawkins, Angela Beauchamp, Bryn McCabe-Kelly, Carla Sakiestewa, Damion Terrell, Gari Bodor, Grace Faustino, Hyunju Blemel, Irene Gray, Ivan Olay, Joe Lane, John "Ski" Shaski, Kristina Rucker, Madeline Pennington, Marcus Anderson, Mark Fischer, Mary Clark, Robinson "Lewis" Worley, Sharina Desai, Sierra Kowalski, Vanessa Roybal, Yadéeh Sawyer.*
- XII. **Reflections:** *Speaker Ortiz shared quick reflections mentioning the eight guest speakers and six adopted resolutions, and how it's been an honor to serve with the council over the years.*
- XIII. **Councilor Comments & Announcements:** Councilor Wood asked council to consider having a quarterly meeting at the UNM Center for Development and Disability Pediatrics, with a 10–15-minute presentation from the director; Faustino spoke on watching Staff Council grow and thrive, encouraged others to join the committees to make an impact, and how this has been the best year so far in working with administration; Terrell thanked all the committee chairs who nominated non-councilor member for Star Awards.
- XIV. **Meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.** [Minutes](#) submitted by Amy Hawkins, Staff Council Administrator.